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**Academic Source**: In-depth research articles using specialized language for a specific field; also known as, Scholarly Source

**Interview**: Considered a primary source, where the writer gathers information by asking specific questions of a person related to topic the writer is researching

**Peer-Reviewed Source**: An article reviewed and approved by experts in that specific field prior to publication

**Periodical**: A classification of publication to include newspapers, magazines, and journals

**Primary Source**: A source that reflects a first-hand account of an experiment or experiences of the author

**Reliable Source**: A source that provides verifiable and credible information, often requiring the author be an expert on the topic and/or cite other reliable research in support

**Secondary Source**: A source that interprets information gained through other sources, which are cited in the text of the writing

**Unreliable Source**: Problematic sources that are vague about the date of publication, author’s qualifications, and/or supporting research

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